

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph [0015] to read as follows:

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When a gap between the sealing member and the surface of the case shaping the side surface of the cup-like portion is provided as the low-refractive-index layer in such a manner, the end of the gap on the emission observation surface side (that is, the end of the cup-like portion on the side opposite to the bottom side) is preferably filled with a light-transmissible material 61, as shown in Figure 1. That is, it preferable that the gap (low-refractive-index layer) is sealed on the emission observation surface side. As a result, external dust, dirt, moisture or the like can be prevented from entering the gap, so that improvement in reliability and durability of the light-emitting device can be attained.

Please amend paragraph [0016] to read as follows:

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Further, when the gap is provided as the low-refractive-index layer, it is also preferable that, on the bottom side 62 of the cup-like portion, the sealing member adheres to the surface of the case shaping the side surface of the cup-like portion, as shown in Figure 1. This arrangement is made for the purpose of preventing peeling of the sealing member and, accordingly, improving stability of the light-emitting device. When, for example, shrinkage of the bottom side of the cup-like portion is selectively suppressed in the case where a liquid-like sealing member can be hardened in the condition that the sealing member adheres to the surface of the case on the bottom side of the cup-like portion. When, for example, grains or fine particles of a light-transmissible ~~light-transmission~~ material 63 such as glass beads are localized on the bottom side of the cup-like portion (e.g., as shown in Figure 1) in the case where the sealing member is thermally hardened, the sealing member can be shrunk selectively as described above. On this occasion, the linear expansion coefficient of the grains or fine particles of the light-transmissible material is preferably smaller than that of the sealing member.